

LAKE WYOLA (Shutesbury)

General Information:

Wyola is a 129-acre lake located in Shutesbury a little over four miles west of Route 202. Depth averages 11 feet with a maximum depth of 33 feet. The lake usually has about 10% trout water by volume. The bottom is predominantly mud with scattered areas of gravel. Aquatic weeds are very heavy in the eastern corner of the lake, while moderate to sparse along the remaining shoreline.

The shoreline is 60% developed with year round homes and summer cottages. Boat access is provided at the southern end of the lake by a paved ramp located off Locke's Pond Road. Shoreline access is limited to the boat landing area and a few undeveloped areas around the lake. Summer recreational usage is high with swimming, boating and fishing popular.

This lake can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographical quad maps titled "Millers Falls" and "Shutesbury." Nearby fishing areas include the Sawmill River and Quabbin Reservoir.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was most recently studied during a 1978 summer survey. Nine species were collected including chain pickerel, yellow perch, pumpkinseed, brown bullhead, golden shiner, bridled shiner, banded killifish, fallfish and white sucker.

Fishing:

Lake Wyola is stocked in the spring with brook trout and in the fall with rainbow trout. Year round fishing for trout exists, with peak pressure from April through June. Ice fishing is very popular for chain pickerel as well as trout.

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